

# Boxes-and-Bullets Essay Structure

## Claim

(A character) is (a trait) because (one reason), (another reason), and above all, because (a third reason)

## Body paragraph 1

The first reason why [character] is [trait] is because...

- For example, A
  - "This shows..." or "This illustrates..."
  - Then explain how the example fits the claim.
  - Then repeat your claim.
- For example, B
  - "This shows that... because..."

## Body paragraphs 2 and 3

"Another reason why [character] is [trait] is that..."  
OR "Although one reason is... another reason is..."

- For example, A
- For example, B
  - "This shows that... because..."

## Conclusion

Restate the claim.